

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today announced the opening of the National Endowment for the Arts' grant application period for the FY 2008 Arts Endowment awards.

The Arts Endowment funding is administered in three categories: Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America, and Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth.

“I would encourage non-profit organizations for arts’ projects in the First District interested in this grant program to submit an application,” Bonner said. “South Alabama boasts an international reputation of excellence in the arts, and I commend the National Endowment of the Arts for supporting the invaluable contributions these organizations make to our communities.”

This funding is available for projects in the following fields: dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literature, media arts (film, radio, and television), museums, music, musical theater, opera, presenting, theater, and visual arts. Grants are also awarded to local and state arts agencies and to regional arts organizations.

The first deadline is March 12, 2007. The program application and additional information can be found at www.arts.gov.

—30—